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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Office Action in this application dated 17 March 1999, has been carefully reviewed. In response, the Applicants have amended the claims and provided the remarks herein. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended.

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